

ANC 2F MEETING  
March 3, 2004  
7:00 PM

Helen Kramer, Vice Chair  
Tom Funk, Secretary  
Bob Hinterlong, Treasurer  
Miriam Trimble  
Jim Brandon

Community Forum

7:05

Chair Cary Silverman was called out of town on business, so Vice Chair Helen Kramer opened the meeting, and introduced Sean Metcalf from Councilmember Jack Evans' office to talk about the PSA boundaries. Sean reported that they are closer to where the community wanted them. The southern border would be K Street, and the eastern border will be along the ANC 2F boundary. The council needs to vote, but it is out of committee.

Commission Report

Commissioner Brandon reported that 1499 Massachusetts Avenue has removed three parking places in front of their building.

Kramer introduced Frank Morgan of the US Attorney's office, who formerly was a police captain who worked in this neighborhood fighting prostitution. Lt. Michael Smith gave the Public Safety Report. He wants to start a neighborhood watch using teams with cell phones and camcorders from strategic locations. He asked for volunteers to contact him. Glen Mlaker stood and publicly thanked Lt. Smith for his help in apprehending an armed thief at his business. Tad Dibias of the US Attorney's office works very closely with Lt. Smith and gave the report on pending and recently closed cases. Under the new PSA structure, the Third District will include parts of Adams Morgan. Capital Street, however has been given to 5-D. Adams Morgan has a gang problem, with gangs from Latin America.

Richard Neidich reminded everyone that street cleaning starts again on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Amanda Huron from the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing requested that the ANC pass a resolution requesting full funding of the Housing Trust Fund, which receives a percentage of recording fees for deeds from the District of Columbia for low income housing. Ms. Huron said that in previous years some of the money was diverted for other budgetary purposes. Funk asked if the affordable

housing providers tried to disperse the housing rather than just putting up entire low income buildings. Huron said that some of them are small, some are larger. There is some mixed income and mixed use buildings. Immaculate Conception apartments at 7<sup>th</sup> and O are partially funded by this organization. These apartments are currently being purchased by the tenants. Lynn Capiona of 1229 12<sup>th</sup> Street asked if there was any other way for low income families to find housing. She spoke about Section 8 vouchers and the problems with them. Kramer said that Mayor Williams said that the city was unable to spend all of the money in the trust fund because of the long lead times for preparing RFPs and awarding contracts. She also asked about members of the housing coalition who were investigated in the past for not completing projects for which they received city funds.. Huron said that there were some organizations that had problems previously, but they were not currently being selected for projects. Kramer then said that in her opinion the issue should be considered in the context of the budget as a whole at council hearings and should not be micromanaged by ANC's. This ANC does not have the budget before it, and to say that one program should be fully funded may mean that another would be cut. The Home Rule Charter requires the District to have a balanced budget, and the District has a structural imbalance between revenues and needs. There was no motion by the ANC to add this to the agenda for a vote.

Kramer called a short break.

#### 7:50 Approval of Agenda

Kramer asked to move the Traffic Control Plan for 1530 14<sup>th</sup> Street to the first item under the CDC report. Brandon moved approval of the amended agenda. Hinterlong seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0.

#### Approval of Minutes

The commissioners made minor changes to the minutes. Brandon moved acceptance of the minutes. Hinterlong seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0.

#### Community Development Committee (CDC) Report

1530 14th Street- traffic control plan - Darrel Rippeteau updated the committee on his meeting with the neighbors. He said he realized that the alley closing during construction of the addition to his building was an inconvenience, but it was necessary in order to construct an outside wall. Al Collins spoke on behalf of Q Street residents. They would approve it as long as trash pickup continued, the fence was constructed in such a way that it did not provide an area for nefarious characters to hide out, and that lighting was put up illuminating the alley during the construction. The last condition is that the closing take no longer than eight weeks. The construction schedule for the building calls for having the alley

blocked in April and May, with completion of the building by the end of the year. Brandon moved approval of the alley closing for 1530 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Funk seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0. Funk to send letter.

Kramer then reported on the remaining items. The owners of 1418 Columbia Street, NW are seeking a variance to permit them to put a rear deck not visible from the street on their home. The CDC voted approval. David Weiner of Logan Tavern, 1423 P Street, NW requested ANC approval for a Public Space permit for outdoor seating during the summer months. The CDC also approved that request. Paul Tummonds of Shaw Pittman reviewed the conceptual designs for a mixed-use, residential and retail building at 1117 10th Street. The CDC recommended approval of the new design. Brandon asked how many lanes would be closed on 10<sup>th</sup> Street during construction. Tummonds said that he did not know, but that they would be back with a traffic control plan.

Plans for a 14' rear addition to 1438 Corcoran Street, NW were presented. It would not be visible from the street. The CDC recommended that the ANC write a letter to HPRB delegating approval to staff.

Jim Abdo presented plans to the CDC for an addition to be built cantilevered over 1402 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, a building he owns. He is seeking approval of the conceptual design for this addition to an existing building for mixed-use retail/office. The CDC approved the concept.

Funk moved approval of the CDC report. Trimble seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0, Funk to write the necessary letters.

### New Business

DC Emergency Management Agency Policy – Kramer said that the ANC is being asked to approve all requests for street closures when any of it occurs within our ANC's boundaries.

The Philippine American Foundation is a nonprofit organization seeking permission to have a Philippine Festival on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Pennsylvania Avenue would be closed between 10 and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. All proceeds from the event would be given to other nonprofit agencies. Kramer asked why Pennsylvania Avenue was selected. Carl Abella said that "Main Street America" was selected to showcase the Philippine community to the rest of DC. June is selected because it is the month of Philippine independence. It is an open event, and they expect 8000 persons to attend.

Kramer said that in the future, the commission needs to have a cost/benefit analysis, who is paying for police protection, and whether any police would be taken out of neighborhoods to provide protection to the event.

Trimble moved approval of the Philippine Festival. Funk seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0.

Kathleen Wilber, representing the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, presented the plans to close Pennsylvania Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets for a Walk on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. It has been held here for many years, although they are now looking at other locations for the future. Kramer asked that they consider that life has changed in the District since 9/11, and closing off a major thoroughfare is a major security concern as well as inconvenience to those who live in the District. Trimble said the Juvenile Diabetes was a good organization. Trimble moved that the ANC accept the plan as proposed for this year. Hinterlong seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0.

Race for the Cure was approved already, so there was no need for a vote. Wilber, who works for a PR firm that also represents Race for the Cure, said that the street closures will not occur until 3 a.m. on Saturday. Set up will start on Thursday, but no streets will be closed. Kramer suggested that they look at Rock Creek Park for future races.

#### Treasurer's Report

Hinterlong moved acceptance of the following expenditures:

\$300.00	National City Christian Church, April rent
709.15	Sherry Kimbel, February wages
32.00	DC Treasurer, February withholding
53.04	Verizon, phone bill
13.00	Helen Kramer, reimbursement for taxis for ABC hearing

With a recent quarterly allotment payment, this leaves a balance of \$15,478.82 in the account when these checks have cleared. Funk seconded.

VOTE: Approved 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.